

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend paragraph 25 as follows.

[0025] For the purpose of locking the first coupler half 6 in the bracket 8, a peripheral groove 19 is incorporated in the first coupler half 6, and a retainer ring 20 is inserted in the groove. The retainer ring 20 (shown in the top view in Figure 5) is of a resilient material and contains a gap. When inserting the first coupler half 6 into the orifice 18 of the bracket 8, the retainer ring 20 is compressed, supported by a taper 21, in the orifice 18 and pressed into the groove 19. When the first coupler half 6 reaches its final position in the bracket 8, the retainer ring 20 can expand again and engage behind a step 22, which is provided at the end of the orifice 18. In this position, the retainer ring 20 connects the first coupler half 6 and the bracket 8 with a positive fit. In the depicted example, the retainer ~~ring 18~~ ring 20 contains a taper corresponding on the outside to the taper 21 in order to facilitate insertion of the coupler half 6 and the associated compression of the retainer ring 20.